

BLACKMUD CREEK COMMUNITY LEAGUE BOARD MEETING

MINUTES OF MEETINGS

DATE: March 18, 2014

LOCATION: Johnny Bright School – Library

TIME: 7:30 P.M.

CHAIR: Gil Rueck

PRESENT: Gil Rueck, Garrick Ma, Michelle Lapierre, Veronica Dutchak (phone), Rob Powell, Matthew Burbidge, Donna Johnson, Sarah Jensen

ABSENT: Dax Dalal, Greg Wong, Sonny Lee, Lindsay Hilton, Karol Pape

GUESTS : MJ Chapelsky, City of Edmonton, CRC

MINUTES: Michelle Lapierre

CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISH QUORUM

Gil Rueck, President, called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m. A quorum was established.

APPROVAL OF BUDGET AND FINANCIALS FOR AGM – V. Dutchak

Ms Dutchak presented the Financial Statements Year Ending Dec. 31, 2013 and draft Budget Year Ending Dec. 31, 2014.

The largest variances in the Budget for Year Ending Dec. 31, 2013 were an increase in the operating grant from the City and an unexpected cost for the interpretative signage project. We had the funds from a grant in our bank account for this project but had no completion date so it had not been included in that budget. The snowbank costs were for winter 2013 where the City charged us a significant higher amount that was not anticipated.

The Board discussed Heritage Point's commitment to pay half of the operating costs for the Allard Rink in 2013-2014. Ms. Dutchak will prepare a summary and invoice for those costs.

Upon a motion duly made by Veronica Dutchak, seconded by Garrick Ma, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Budget for Year Ending Dec. 31, 2014 with the following amendments:

- *Decrease to \$3000 for the Spring / Summer Shack recognizing that the City will now pay for this program in the communities they select*
- *Increase to \$8,000 in advertising to communicate with all of the new residents moving into Callaghan and Allard*
- *\$2,000 increase in legal fees to plan for bylaw language to handle potential future break off of a community from our league territory*
- *Increase to \$6,850 for rink operating costs for planned electrical work prior to turnover from MLC to the City*

Upon a motion duly made by Veronica Dutchak, seconded by Donna Johnson, and unanimously carried, the Board approves the Financial Statements for Year Ending Dec. 31, 2013 as presented.

Ms. Dutchak left the meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Unanimous consent to approve the agenda with the addition of sidewalk sand and Allard Rink light and power metering.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a Motion duly made by Michelle Lapierre and unanimously carried, meeting minutes from February 18, 2013 are approved with the following change:

- *Removal of "The widening of James Mowatt Trail should begin this summer." from Matt Jeneroux's update.*

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

PREPARATION FOR AGM

- List of Nominees – Mr. Ma will circulate the list of nominees screened by the nominating committee prior to the AGM
- Draft Agenda for AGM – The Board discussed the agenda for the AGM. The Board also reviewed and discussed the survey summary that Mr. Burbidge is preparing for distribution at the AGM.

SIDEWALK SAND

The Board discussed the potential for a sidewalk sand box location at Allard Rink. If we would like a new site for sidewalk sand we must contact 311 and through the Southwest Transportation Operations to make that request and also to notify when they are empty.

LIGHT AND POWER METERING – ALLARD RINK

Our power meter at the Allard Rink was set up to include the walkway and rink lights. These need to be split prior to MLC transferring the property to the City. If not, we will be responsible for paying for the walkway power instead of the City. We all agree this must be resolved and incur that up-front cost now to save future power expenses.

CRD UPDATE – MJ Chapelsky

2014 Census

The 2014 Census will allow an online portion instead of door knocking. Complete the portion between April 10th – 27th and avoid the door knockers.

Blackburn Playground

Ms. Chapelsky is attending a playground development meeting tomorrow with the Blackburn HOA.

City BCCL Project List

The Board confirmed the Blackmud Rink can be taken off the City project requests. The Blackmud Park parking lot will remain.

Bike Riding Program

There will be a bike riding program offered May 31st at the Allard Rink.

Spring Shack

The Board agrees to hold off on offering the Spring Shack.

Allard Playground

MLC has submitted plans to the City to build a playground in Allard.

Matthew Burbidge left.

REPORTS OF MEMBERS

Membership – Sarah Jensen

There have been a significant number of new memberships going through the online process using paypal. Ms. Jensen suggests we revisit what information we should require people to fill out and then entered. Much of the data has never been used and it is time consuming.

Community Watch – Donna Johnson

Ms. Johnson was re-elected as Vice President, Edmonton Neighborhood Watch at the recent AGM.

Facilities – Rob Powell

Mr. Powell provided a breakdown in costs for operating the Allard Rink. The Rink is now closed and porta-pottie removed. Rob received the MLC as-built drawings for the electrical systems at the Allard Rink. These are helpful for future repairs, identifying replacement parts, etc. He is also preparing a planning calendar to ease transition into the role for the next Facilities Director.

Vice President – Garrick Ma

Mr. Ma sees an opportunity to build relationships with new communities going into the area along Calgary Trail within our boundaries (Fountain Tire, Tim Horton's, etc.). The Board plans to introduce and meet with these organizations this summer.

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, April 15th, 2014 at 7:30pm Johnny Bright. AGM will be Tuesday April 9th, 2014 at 7pm at the Ellerslie Rugby Club.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion duly made by Michelle Lapierre, seconded by Garrick Ma, and unanimously carried, the Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.